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C.C. Sheriff's Department makes drug arrests

Officials with the Coffee County Sheriff's Department last week made four arrests in regards to drug charges.

According to R.W. Whitworth, chief deputy with the Coffee County Sheriff's Department, narcotics investigators from the department worked jointly with the Enterprise Police Department and the ABC Board Narcotics Unit to arrest four individuals Thursday, Feb. 22, on seven drug charges.

Whitworth said investigators arrested a husband and wife on federal warrants for conspiracy to manufacture methamphetamine. Due to the federal warrant charges, he said the names of these two individuals can not be released at this time.

Whitworth said investigators also arrested Timothy Dayle Finger, age 25, of Elba and

charged him with possession of a controlled substance, possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia. Finger was arrested at the Kountry Corner convenience store at the intersection of Hwy. 167 and Hwy. 125.

Elba City Schools anticipate funds released by Governor Bob Riley

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

Elba schools anticipate that the \$17 million conditional state appropriation released by Governor Riley recently will amount to about \$350 per earned teacher unit in FY07, or \$20,000 for Elba City Schools.

The Elba school system currently has 58 authorized, or state supported, teacher units. The funds are expected in the next

state education fund check. While processing the vehicle that Finger was driving, Whitworth said investigators arrested Tommy Allen, age 44, of Jack, Ala., on two outstanding warrants for possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Superintendent Danny Weeks said if the proposed education bond issue is approved by the Alabama Legislature at the recommended amount from Governor Riley, Elba should get somewhere between \$800,000 and one million dollars. This money is expected to be restricted to capital outlay (construction, building repair, grounds improvement, etc).



FRIDAY AFTERNOON WRECK CLAIMS DRIVER'S LIFE—Emergency personnel responded Friday afternoon, Feb. 23, to the scene of a one-vehicle wreck on Alabama Highway 141 approximately two miles north of Danley's Crossroads. The wreck occurred at approximately 4:25 p.m. The driver and lone occupant of the vehicle, Santiago DeLa Cruz Vazquez, was killed. Vazquez apparently lost control of the vehicle causing it to flip several times before coming to a rest in a field. Coffee County Coroner Marvin McIlwain said Vazquez was ejected from the vehicle, and the cause of death was blunt force trauma to the head and neck. Responding to the scene were members of the Elba Police Department, Elba Fire Department and Coffee County EMS. The accident was investigated by Alabama State Trooper David McGowan.

Two county schools selected as 2007 AMSTI Schools

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Two schools within the Coffee County School System recently received exciting news as they were chosen to be 2007 Alabama Math, Science and Technology Initiative (AMSTI) schools.

Dr. Linda Ingram, superintendent of the Coffee County School System, said she is very excited that New Brockton Elementary School (K-6) and Zion Chapel School (K-12) both were selected as AMSTI schools. They are two of the 18 schools that will receive training in June at Troy University for this initiative.

AMSTI, an Alabama Department of Education initiative for grades K-12 was designed to improve math and science teaching statewide. It was established by a Blue Ribbon committee composed of K-12 educators, higher education representatives, and business leaders.

Governor Bob Riley and the Alabama Legislature provided AMSTI funding of \$22 million for the fiscal year 2007.

"I have made AMSTI a priority because I know it works. With AMSTI, students don't simply read about math and science, they experience it in the classroom," said Riley. "AMSTI brings a higher level of enthusiasm to students and helps heighten their interest in learning. That's especially important when it comes to math and science, because these two areas of

study are essential if our children are to compete for the jobs of the 21st century. AMSTI will continue to be a priority in the education budgets I propose, and my goal is to put AMSTI in every school in Alabama."

Dr. Ingram said AMSTI is basically patterned after the Alabama Reading Initiative (ARI). She said teachers need hands-on training to make this program work. Dr. Ingram said all the teachers involved from New Brockton Elementary and Zion Chapel are excited to participate in AMSTI and are looking forward to the training session in June.

The research-based initiative provides three basic services: professional development, equipment and materials and on-site support by math and science specialists at no cost to the

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VEHICLE VS. TREE—Emergency personnel in Elba responded shortly after 7 a.m. last Thursday morning, Feb. 22, to the scene of a vehicle vs. tree wreck on Hickman Avenue (Hwy. 166) just beyond the entrance of the Elba City Schools complex. Upon arrival, personnel found the 2002 Ford F250 truck (shown above), driven by George W. Lewis, had crashed into a tree. Lewis, age 67, of Bremen, Ala., was the lone occupant in the vehicle. Members of the Elba Fire Department were called upon to help extricate Lewis from the vehicle. After he was removed, a unit from Coffee County EMS transported Lewis to the Elba airport where a Medical Flight unit was waiting to fly Lewis to Southeast Alabama Medical Center in Dothan, Ala., where he received treatment. Lewis was reported to be conscious when emergency personnel arrived on scene. The accident was investigated by Elba Police officers Brian Lusher and Lt. John Nelson.

Dr. Joseph Meloni joins Elba healthcare team

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The Elba Healthcare Authority recently announced an addition to its team as Dr. Joseph Meloni is set to open his family medicine practice Monday, March 5, in Elba.

Dr. Meloni recently moved to Elba from Phoenix, Ariz., and while he is new to Elba, he said he is definitely not new to Alabama. He worked in emergency and family medicine from 1978-1992 in Birmingham, Ala.

Dr. Meloni and his wife of 33 years, Sheridan, recently moved to Elba. He said they have not been able to do much yet in their new home place. It's been cold and raining a lot, therefore, the doctor said they've been just been working to get things done at their new home as well as get his office ready.

Dr. Meloni said he is looking forward to opening his new office in Elba. His office is located across the street from Elba General Hospital and

Nursing Home. It will be open Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. and Thursday and Friday from 8 a.m. until Noon. Appointments are preferred by calling (334) 897-3800.

Dr. Meloni is a native of Cincinnati, Ohio. He attended college and medical school in Cincinnati. He completed his internship at Louisville General Hospital and his residency at Tampa General Hospital in obstetrics.

After completing his residency, Dr. Meloni said he spent two years in the U.S. Air Force working in obstetrics. Once out of the Air Force, he said he alternated between emergency medicine, trauma medicine and family medicine. He said he had an occupational medicine practice for the past few years in Phoenix.

When asked about his return to Alabama and path to Elba, Dr. Meloni offers quite an interesting explanation.

He said he has missed being in Alabama for quite some time and kind of thought about returning approximately five years ago when his only son moved to New York to attend law school. He wanted to relocate to lower Alabama but he said the "headhunters" could only find opening in North and

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The following article is the first in a series spotlighting the members of the Elba Volunteer Fire Department. The intent of this series is to help local citizens become better acquainted with those answering the call to "protect and serve."

Alan Willis joined the Elba Fire Department approximately one year ago.

Willis said he decided to join the volunteer fire department simply because, "I've always wanted to be a firefighter." He said his most memorable experience thus far was most definitely his first house fire.

In regards to special training, Willis has acquired CPR and AED certification.

When asked what he enjoys most about being a member of the fire department, Willis said, "The new friends I have at the fire department."

His hobbies and/or interests include: hanging out with



Firefighter Alan Willis
friend, fishing and the Elba Fire Department.

EDITORIAL

With Fern Cox

Elba native Rex Oggs is among the musicians coming to Coffee County Saturday morning to help with the Grand Opening ceremony activities at Mayberry Place, the new Brockton residential subdivision being developed by Ronnie Ogley Properties. Rex is the son of Butch and Marsha Oggs and is married to the former Anna Head, also of Elba.

Thomas Cortis was named chancellor of the two-year college system last year. His job was to pick up the pieces after the sudden departure of Roy Johnson from that position. Cortis had already retired as president of Samford University, but agreed to "help out." Now he is in trouble with the same school board who asked for his help. . . . because he dared to speak out. All he said to a Birmingham civic group was that he felt the two-year colleges and the K-12 schools should be managed by separate boards. Cortis explained that the needs for both groups was just too broad for any one board to handle. Well several (elected) members of the state school board didn't take kindly to that opinion. . . . to the point of wondering aloud if "he is really the man for this job." Don't be surprised if Dr. Cortis tells those politicians bye and goes back to his front porch rocking chair. We would and it wouldn't be said as nicely as Cortis will do it.

The can artists are working overtime. Now there are warnings about counterfeit AAA VISA Travelers Checks being circulated. Unscrupulous citizens are asked to help by cashing a batch of the checks, keeping some and wire transferring the remainder to an overseas bank. Of course it is a con job that ultimately leaves the honest, hard working stiff out of luck. . . . and money.

A lot of Alabama folks think that moving the presidential primary to an earlier time will put Alabama in the forefront of the election process. Well our votes in the Electoral College will not increase and other states are also moving their primaries up to earlier times. If it gets Alabama some additional attention one year, it will be a surprise in this corner. More than one election cycle of attention will be a miracle! The only way to stop this is to adopt the proposal of four primary regions, North, South Midwest and West. Regions would vote one month apart and the order of voting would rotate. Each region would vote first every four years. That would probably be fair. . . . but then do the movers and shakers in the political world really want fairness? We are talking about those who urge the voters to "vote early and often" on election day.

Police chasing motorists who are trying to escape continues to be an emotional issue. Studies show that only about 4% of Americans think high speed chases should be completely outlawed. Beyond that the issue of where to stop the chase is confusing. Law enforcement officers argue that they have no way of knowing if a speeding vehicle is driven by a panicked person who has only violated a traffic law, an escaped convict or by a serial killer wanted in six states. Opponents point to cases like the 2001 Georgia case of a 19 year old who was first clocked at 73 in a 55 mph zone. It got much faster before a police cruiser rammed the car, causing it to fly down an embankment and left the driver paralyzed. This case is now before the U.S. Supreme Court.

Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, Feb. 19, 2007, investigated the following incidents: one collision with an unattended vehicle, one for damage to a windshield, two for possession of drug paraphernalia, one for criminal mischief, one for breaking and entering a motor vehicle, one for robbery, one for burglary, two for domestic violence, one for possession of a controlled substance and one for harassing communications.

The following arrests were made: three for unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia, two for driving under the influence, two for robbery, one for failure to appear, one for failure to pay, one for burglary, one for harassing communications and one for criminal mischief.

Traffic citations issued during the week were as follows: one for no insurance, four for speeding, four for no proof of insurance, four for improper lights, one for running a stop sign, one for not wearing a seat belt and one for failure to yield.

Daily activity highlights for the week were as follows:

MONDAY, FEB. 19 - Minor wreck reported in the parking lot of Fred's (3:00 p.m.).

TUESDAY, FEB. 20 - Disturbance reported at 827 Roosevelt Dr. (7:25 p.m.); Prowler reported at 706 Putnam St. (10:41 p.m.).

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 21 - Coffee County EMS dispatched to 8456 County Rd. 105 (12:43 a.m.); Two-vehicle wreck reported at the intersection of Simmons St. and Hickman Ave. (2:39 p.m.); Elba Fire Department dispatched to the wreck at Simmons St. and Hickman Ave. (3:04 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to the wreck at Simmons St. and Hickman Ave. (3:01 p.m.); Burglary (not in progress) reported at 709 Roosevelt Dr. (9:19 p.m.); Fight in progress reported at Burd's Trailer Court (10:34 p.m.).

THURSDAY, FEB. 22 - Domestic disturbance reported on Martin Luther King Dr. (12:00 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to an alley on Harris St. (12:39 a.m.); One-vehicle wreck reported on Hwy. 84 W. past Bridgeville Trailers (2:18 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to the wreck on Hwy. 84 W. (2:19 a.m.); Elba Fire Department dispatched to the wreck on Hwy. 84 W. (2:20 a.m.); Wreck (vehicle vs. tree) reported on Hickman Ave. (Hwy. 166) just past schools (7:03 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to wreck on Hickman Ave. (7:03 a.m.); Elba Fire Department dispatched to wreck on Hickman Ave. (7:05 a.m.); Disturbance (crowd) reported at 820 Roosevelt Dr. (3:37 p.m.); Burglary (not in progress) reported at 1032 Gayton St. (9:35 p.m.); Prowler reported at 1622 Stoddensite St. (10:12 p.m.).

FRIDAY, FEB. 23 - Coffee County EMS dispatched to 640 Reynolds (12:05 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a one-vehicle wreck on Hwy. 141

Service members & vets are still getting special education assistance

The federal government and the State of Alabama have programs that provide financial assistance to veterans and their dependents. Enterprise-Ozark Community College continues a tradition of assisting veterans as they apply to receive educational benefits earned through service to their country.

EOCC's Fort Rucker Site offers college credit courses and non-credit short courses. EOCC provides fully accredited associate degree programs for service members and their families at low in-state tuition rates.

Day classes meet on different schedules, Mondays through Fridays. Evening classes meet on Mondays and Wednesdays or Tuesdays and Thursdays. Saturday classes are also available. The Fort Rucker Site is located in Building 4502.

The federal government and the state of Alabama have programs that provide financial assistance to veterans and their dependents. Veterans Administration forms are available at all EOCC locations.

Veterans resources include the Alabama G.I. and Dependents, Educational Benefit Act, the Old G.I. Bill (Vietnam Era Chapter 34), Veterans Educational Assistance Program, the Montgomery G.I. Bill Active Duty Educational Assistance Program (Chapter 30), the Montgomery G.I. Bill Selected Reserve/National Guard Educational Assistance Program (Chapter 1606), and Vocational Rehabilitation (Chapter 31).

Brief descriptions of the veterans, benefit sources and information on certification of veterans can be found in the college's catalog online at www.eocc.edu. For more information about how Enterprise-Ozark Community College supports servicemembers and their families and veterans, call the Financial Aid Office at (334) 347-2623, ext. 2214.

Chamber of Commerce presents... February's Business of the Month William D. Dean, CPA

William D. Dean, CPA, opened his Elba office in 2003 after moving back from Charlotte, N.C. He wanted a slower pace of life for his family.

Bill, as most people know him, grew up in the Zion Chapel community. He attended elementary school at Zion Chapel and graduated from Elba High School in 1974.

He received his accounting degree from Troy (State) University in 1978. He worked for the Internal Revenue Service for several years and then moved into public accounting in 1984 when he received his CPA certificate.

Bill practiced accounting in Atlanta, before joining a practice in Charlotte, N.C. He is still owner and managing partner for the Charlotte office and makes a trip up there once a month. He plans to cut his travel time back once this tax season has ended and devote more time to the development of his Elba office.

His wife, Brandi, manages the Elba office and is there to take



Bill and Brandi Dean

your calls and help you with your needs.

Bill is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants as well as a member of the Alabama, North Carolina and Georgia Associations of Certified Public Accountants. He is knowledgeable in many areas of tax service

including business and personal, estate tax planning, real estate taxation and general tax planning. His clients include individuals and small to large businesses.

You may reach the office of William (Bill) Dean at 897-1099.

Taylor-Richburg Reunion planned for Saturday, March 10th

The reunion for relatives of William Anderson Taylor and Amanda Virginia Richburg Taylor (and William Gardner Taylor) on March 10, 2007 (Saturday) at the Daleville Cultural and Convention Center, 750 South Daleville Ave., Daleville, Ala. Bring a covered dish, soda, or tea. The reunion

will begin at 10 a.m.-until. For more information contact 534-897-6587.

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Obituaries

JENELLE MATTHEWS

Mrs. Jenelle Matthews Thomas, age 63, of Ozark, Ala., died Thursday, Feb. 22, 2007, at Dale Medical Center in Ozark.

Funeral services were held Feb. 26, 2007 from the Chapel of Hayes Funeral Home, Elba, Ala., with Deacon John Ross officiating. Burial followed in the Woodlawn Memorial Gardens, Ozark, with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

The Thomas family request memorial contributions to Vivian B. Adams School, 2047 Stuart Tarter Road, Ozark, AL 36360.

Mrs. Thomas was preceded in death by her mother, Eva Mae Matthews; father, Clifton Orin Matthews; and son, Steven Thomas.

Survivors include her husband, Rodney Matthew Thomas, Ozark, three daughters: Mona (husband Andrew) Warren, Ozark; Michelle (husband Danny) Holland, Enterprise, Ala.; Jennifer Batchlor, Midland City, Ala.; five sons: Dr. Michael (wife Lara) Thomas, Dothan, Ala.; Christopher (wife Gina) Thomas, Colorado Springs, Colo.; Gregory (wife Reagan) Thomas, Grand Rapids, Mich.; John (wife Sherri) Thomas, Winter Park, Fla.; Mathew Thomas, Ozark; one brother: Joel Matthews, Elba; and 13 grandchildren.

RUBY WAUNIECE MONEY Mrs. Ruby Wauniece Money, age 75, of Elba, Ala., died Thursday, Feb. 22, 2007, at the Elba Nursing Home in Elba.

Funeral services were held Feb. 25, 2007 at Shiloh Baptist Church with Reverend James Adcock officiating. Burial followed in the Shiloh Baptist Church Cemetery, Elba, with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include two sons: Mike Brown, Elba; Terry Lee Brown; two daughters: Sharon Lynn Kelley and Freda Lorene Denby, both of Vidon, Texas; one brother: Henry Midars, Grand Junction, Colo.; four sisters: Pearl King and Dorothy Jackson, both of Grand Junction, Reeva Applegate and Louise Applegate, both of Las Vegas, Nev.; 17 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

RUFUS BROWN Mr. Rufus Brown of Kinston, Ala., died Wednesday, Feb. 21, 2007, at Medical Center Enterprise.

Funeral services were held Feb. 23, 2007 at Seary Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Phil Cooley officiating. Burial followed in the Cool Springs Baptist Church Cemetery with Seary Funeral Home directing.

Mr. Brown was preceded in death by his parents, Boss and Cora Brown; and a daughter, Linda Gail Brown.

Survivors include two daughters: Elaine Brown and Dorothy (husband Duane) Hammett, both of Elba, Ala.; two sons: Wade (wife Sheila) Brown and Ricky Brown, both of Kinston; three sisters: Alice Baxter, Winter Haven, Fla.; Catherine Tate, Candler, Ala.; Betty Jean Burgett, Baldwin County, Ala.; three brothers: Bennie Brown, Billy Charles Brown and Cecil Brown, all of Chancellorsville, Va.; and 10 grandchildren.

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SYBLE H. BERRY

Mrs. Syble H. Berry, age 70, of Elba, Ala., died Friday, Feb. 16, 2007, at her residence.

Funeral services were held Feb. 19, 2007 from the Chapel of Hayes Funeral Home in Elba with Reverend Billy Rodd officiating.

Graveside services were held at Evergreen Memorial Gardens, Panama City, Fla., with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Mrs. Berry was preceded in death by her parents, Cecil Clio Hall and Gussie Mae Hall, a son, Noah Michael Berry; and one brother, Donnie Hall.

Survivors include her husband, James Eugene Berry, Elba; her daughter, Cathy Davis, and special friend, Jake Bush, Panama City, Fla.; three sisters: Agnes Coleman, Frances Crawford and Beatrice McDermott, all of Elba; two brothers: Cecil Hall Jr., Marianna, Fla.; Lamar Hall, Elba; one granddaughter: Elisha Broadway and one great-granddaughter: Hannah Broadway, both of Panama City.

WINFRED C. HATAWAY Mr. Winfred C. Hataway, age 87, of Elba, Ala., died Tuesday, Feb. 20, 2007, at the Enterprise Nursing Home.

Funeral services were held Feb. 23, 2007 from the Chapel of Hayes Funeral Home in Elba with Reverend Fred Fowler officiating. Burial followed in the New Haven Church Cemetery with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include his sons: Bobby (wife Gladys) Hataway, Bill (wife Margaret) Hataway, and Malcom (wife Donna) Hataway; one daughter: Charlene Ludlum, all of Elba; eight grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

THOMAS HAMMONDS JR. Mr. Thomas Hammonds Jr., age 52, died Friday, Feb. 23, 2007, at Southeast Alabama Medical Center, Dothan, Ala.

Funeral services were held on Feb. 28, 2007 at Harris Temple Church of God in Christ, Elba, with Superintendent W. K. Ellison officiating. Burial followed in the Evergreen Cemetery with Coleman Funeral Home directing.

Mr. Hammonds was preceded in death by one son, Chris Tyson; a grandson, Seden Lyndsey; and one sister, Rogie Lynn Hammonds.

Survivors include his wife, Willie Mae "Dottie" Hammonds; three sons: Terry (Ann) Tyson, Eddie Tyson and Keith Tyson, all of Elba; one step-son: Robert (Pamela) Edwards, Elba; one step-daughter: Mary (Otis) Scott, Troy, Ala.; his mother: Lucille Hammonds, Elba; three sisters: Rebecca (Ben) Daniels, Sandra Hammonds and Linda (Tom) Hooks, all of Elba; two

brothers: Lorenzo (Jeanette) Hammonds and Terrell Hammonds, both of Elba; seven grandchildren: Daundre Coleman, Candrell Edwards, Christopher Rayborn, Kei-Aun Edwards, Kyson Edwards, Michael Edwards and Ashlee Tyson; a grandmother: Catherine Waters, Elba; a great-grandmother: Rose Daniels, Elba; one sister-in-law: Sandra (Charles) Britt; and one brother-in-law: Willie Lewis Wilson, Elba.

MAVIS EDNA EDDINS KENDRICK Mrs. Mavis Edna Eddins Kendrick, age 76, died Monday, Feb. 26, 2007 in Mobile, Ala.

Funeral services were held March 1, 2007 in the First Baptist Church, Chatham, Ala. and also at Zion Chapel Baptist Church with burial following in the Zion Baptist Cemetery with Latham Funeral Home, Chatham, directing.

The family request that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to

The Caring Heart's Building Fund in care of The Washington Baptist Assoc., P.O. Box 1447, Chatham, Alabama 36518.

Survivors include her husband: Dr. Paul Kendrick, Chatham, Ala.; three sons: Milton (Carol) Kendrick, Marianna, Fla.; Ronald (Nita) Kendrick, Montgomery, Ala.; Russell (Donna) Kendrick, Monroeville, Ala.; two daughters: Lisa (Ronnie) Smoke, Deatsville, Ala.; Candice (Dr. Don) Hines, Troy, Ala.; 17 grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren.

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ESCAPE FROM ELBA

During his fifteen-year rule, Napoleon's accomplishments transformed France into a modern nation-state.

On his return, all levels of French society welcomed Napoleon. In his absence, the Quadruple Alliance had installed Louis XVIII as King of France. A weak and ineffective leader, he quickly lost the confidence of the French population. This news had reached Napoleon on Elba, and it was the peoples' dissatisfaction that convinced him to return.

Napoleon was born on the island of Corsica in 1769. At the age of sixteen, he joined the French army as an artillery officer, and rose to become a general before reaching the age of thirty. His military exploits made him a national hero, and in 1799 he was asked to lead France as First Consul. Five years later, he became the Emperor.

During his fifteen-year rule, Napoleon's accomplishments transformed France into a modern nation-state. One of his most radical changes was the introduction of compulsory state funded education for young men. His most significant achievement was the completion of the Napoleonic Code in 1804. This still serves as the basis for French civil law.

After becoming Emperor in 1804, Napoleon used his army to spread French influence across Europe, expanding the French Empire to include most of western Europe, Spain, and parts of Italy. His decision to invade Russia in 1812 proved to be his undoing. Defeated by the brutal Moscow winter, his

Disembarking, Napoleon Bonaparte set foot on French soil for the first time since the Quadruple Alliance of Prussia, Austria, Great Britain and Russia had defeated his armies, forced him to abdicate as Emperor of France, and sent him into exile the previous April.

Napoleon Bonaparte by Jean-Baptiste Isabey. 1801. Courtesy of the Fondation Napoleon.

During the night of February 26, 1815 the short, rotund inmate quietly slipped away from his Mediterranean prison on the island of Elba. Collaborators met him at the island's dock and carried their famous passenger to Gole Juan on the coast of France, arriving during the night of March 1.

Napoleon leading his troops, 1814. Ernest Meissonier. 1864. Courtesy of the Fondation Napoleon.

British island in the middle of the South Atlantic, where he remained there until his death in 1821. Learn more about Napoleon's life and the Battle of Waterloo. Take The Web Journey.

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LIFESTYLES

Miss Furr and Mr. Morton to be united in marriage, September 8



Mr. Morton & Miss Furr

AARP Driver Safety Course to be held March 14-15

The Elba Senior Citizen Center will sponsor The American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) Driver Safety course on March 14-15, 2007. The AARP Driver Safety Course will be held from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon each day at the Elba Public Library in Elba. The course is a refresher safety driving course and has been presented by AARP across the United States since 1979 and is for drivers 50 years of age and older.

After completing the eight hour course, a certificate will be presented to each participant. This certificate, which can be given to your insurance company, and virtually all insurance companies will authorize a discount for your automobile insurance premiums for a period of three years. Check with your insurance agent to see if you are eligible for this discount. The cost to attend the course is \$10.00 per person. Checks are to be made out to AARP and will be collected at the first session. The class will be limited to 35 participants. For pre-registration, call Louise Hornsby at (334) 897-3019.

Mr. and Mrs. Alan Furr, of Ashville, Alabama announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Emily Furr, to Brandon Madison Morton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Morton, of Gardendale, Alabama.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Edna Sauls and the late Gene Sauls of Lapine, Alabama. The groom-elect is the late Vera Curenton of Enterprise, Alabama, and the late Charles Furr of Lapine, Alabama.

She will graduate from nursing school at Jefferson State Community College in August as a Registered Nurse. She is currently employed with Medical Center East in Birmingham as a nursing assistant.

The prospective groom is the grandson of Rev. Charles E. Morton and the late Wanda Morton of Vero Beach, Florida, and the late Wesley and Mildred Jacobs of Charleston, West Virginia.

He is currently serving in the U. S. Navy stationed at Naval Air Station Oceana, Virginia Beach, Virginia. The wedding is planned for September 8, 2007, 11:00 a.m. at Mathews Manor in Springfield, Alabama.

CORRECTION

In last week's edition of The Elba Clipper, Thursday, February 24, on the Lifestyles page, the Wambles-Wise announcement had the wrong wedding date in the headline. Instead of February 24th, it should have read March 24th. We are sorry for this error.

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Kendre Jordan turned seven

Kendre Jordan celebrated his 7th birthday on February 24, 2007 at his grandmother's house along with family and friends. The theme of his party was "basketball".

Kendre is the son of Tawana Thomas of Elba, Ala. and Eric Jordan of Ft. Benning, Ga. His grandparents are Amelia Carpenter and Charlie and Patricia Jordan, all of Elba.

Wallace Scholarships available for high school seniors

Applications for 2007-2008 scholarships at Wallace Community College are now available. The financial assistance is available to area high school seniors in four different categories: academic transfer, nursing and allied health, career-technical and performing arts.

High school seniors may pick-up applications from high school counselors or download them at www.wallace.edu. Click on prospective students, financial aid, scholarship information and current available scholarships. Applicants can also receive packets at WCC sites in Dothan, Eufaula and Fort Rucker.

Deadline for return of applications is March 1, 2007, at 4:00 p.m. Applications received after that time will not be considered. All scholarships are good for the length of the student's chosen program of study and will cover 100 percent of the tuition.

Academic transfer scholarships are designed for students who plan to study at WCC and transfer to a four-year college or university to complete a baccalaureate degree. Nursing and allied health scholarships provide financial assistance to students who plan to major in one of Wallace's seven health sciences programs. Applicants for both of these scholarships must submit an ACT score.

Career-technical scholarships are designed for students who choose to study in one of the College's 15 career-technical programs and move directly into the workforce. Performing arts scholarships are designed for students who perform in the College's two jazz bands and in the Chamber Choir. Three letters of recommendation are required with these applications.

Students may apply for more than one scholarship, but separate applications must be completed together with a college application and a high school transcript.

For more information call 556-2224, 556-2478, or 556-2479.

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Hill-Bragg wedding set for March 3rd

Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Whately and Mr. and Mrs. Mike Bragg request the honor of your presence at the marriage of their children, Ms. Amber Nicole Hill and Mr. Justin Michael Bragg on Saturday, the third of March, 2007, at one o'clock in the afternoon at First Assembly of God Church, Elba, Alabama.

Reception will be immediately following the ceremony.

New Arrival

JAXON FORD SENN



Jaxon Ford Senn

Jaxon Ford Senn was born on February 12, 2007 at 1:09 p.m. at Southeast Alabama Medical Center. He weighed 8 lbs. 6 oz. and was 20 inches long. He is the proud son of Jerry and Nicole Senn of Jack. Jaxon was welcomed home by his brother Jarrett and his three sisters, Alexis, Allyson, and Shelby.

Area students named to Dean's List at Auburn

The following students were named to the Auburn University's Dean's List for Fall Semester 2006:

• Elba: Mary K. Head
• New Brockton: Sean Martin Blough

Troy University to hold Spring Preview

Troy University will hold its Spring Preview Day for prospective students and their parents on Saturday, March 10. Preview Day provides an opportunity for high school seniors and their families to learn more about the university, its academic offerings and extracurricular activities available.

The activities for the day will begin at 9 a.m. and will consist of a browse session on the Bibb Graves Quad of all of the university's academics and organizations. The event coincides with the kickoff of the University's Irish Week activities, which will include a St. Patrick's Day parade beginning at noon, a football scrimmage scheduled for 1:30 p.m. and a TROY baseball game at 6 p.m.

Students wishing to attend Preview Day should register no later than Friday, March 9 by calling the Admissions Office at 334-670-3179.

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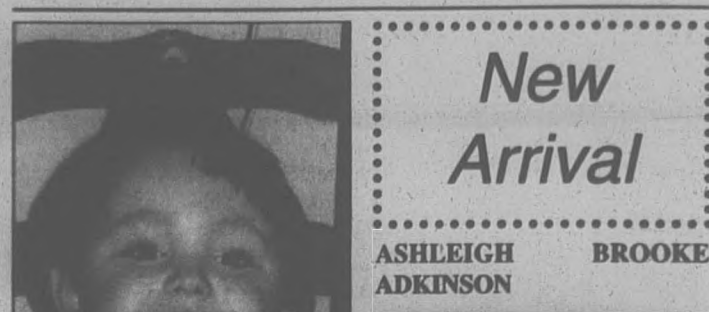
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(Left to right) Mary Helen Moon, of Montgomery, Sonya Hornsby, of New Brockton, Julie Goings, of Semmes, and Bryan Shelton, of Birmingham, were hosted at a holiday reception for student leaders by Chancellor Jack Hawkins, Jr. All students represent Troy University's Activities Council.



Ashleigh Brooke Adkinson

Ashleigh Brooke Adkinson was born December 27, 2006 at Baptist East Hospital in Montgomery, Ala. She weighed 6 lbs 15 oz and was 21 3/4 inches long. Her parents are Chad and Roxanne Adkinson of Elba. Grandparents are Charlotte and Steve Adkinson of Elba and Buddy and Nita Dickley of Jack. Her great-grandmother is Anne Tucker, also of Elba.

Randy Paine is four years old

Randy Paine celebrated his fourth birthday on Saturday, January 13, with family and friends. The party's theme was "Cars" and was repeated in the cake, napkins, plates and decorations.

The party boy and guests enjoyed several games including Go Fishing, a jumping game, a "Cars" pinata, pin the light on the traffic light, and toss the bean bag.

The guests enjoyed cake and other refreshments. Randy's parents are Amy and Randy Paine of Sarasota, Florida, and his grandparents are Betty Joyce and Charles Ellis of Elba.

Deadline For Social News Is Monday!

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CHURCH & AREA NEWS



Shown in photo from left to right are: Austin Reeves, Grant Akridge, Talon Flowers, Buddy Skipper, Dustin Reeves, Hunter Reynolds, Wyatt Along.

RA Racer winners announced

Saturday morning February 10th at Hillcrest Baptist Church, several Royal Ambassadors were excited about entering their creation in the RA Racer Contest. Gary Bradshaw, Royal Ambassador Director for Coffee Baptist Association, coordinated this annual event.

Winners in the Lad Division are: First place - Grant Akridge

• Ino, Second Place - Talon Flowers

• Ino, Third Place - Cole Smith

• Mt. Pleasant.

Winners in the Crusader Division are: First place - Mt. Pleasant.

• Second place - Dustin Reeves

• Mt. Pleasant, Third place - Hunter Reynolds

• Mt. Pleasant.

Most Original winners: Lad

Division: Michael Johns - Hillcrest

Crusader Division - Wyatt Along - Hillcrest

Division: Austin Reeves - Mt. Pleasant

Crusader Division: Joshua Cox - Lee Street

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Lighthouse Emmanuel Holiness Church plans benefit sing

Lighthouse Emmanuel Holiness Church will be having a benefit singing March 10, 2007 at the Tarentum Community Center beginning at 7 p.m. The featured singer will be The Chosen Heirs.

For more information call Pastor Jimmy Sheets: (334) 897-0420 or (334) 268-7457

International Mission

Trip open to public through Univ. of Mobile

The University of Mobile has immediate openings for students and the public interested in participating in mission trips to Greece, Bangladesh, Niger and Norway, according to Dr. Cecil Taylor, dean of the School of Christian Studies.

From May 14-24 in Greece and May 22-June 4 in Niger, participants will prayer walk and distribute evangelistic material. From May 18-28 in Bangladesh, participants will build relationships with people and share the Gospel in local homes. From July 19-30 in Norway, the team will conduct a sports clinic and help with Vacation Bible School for an international Baptist church.

Each trip is led by a professor from the University of Mobile School of Christian Studies. Cost for each trip is \$2,600, and the School of Christian Studies offers assistance in helping individuals raise funds.

For information and applications to participate in University Missions through the University of Mobile School of Christian Studies, contact Dr. Cecil Taylor at 251-442-2255 or ctaylor@mail.unimobile.edu.

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PASTOR'S CORNER

Rev. Ron Stallard
Elba Church of God

Big I and little you.....

I saw a man the other day who had accidentally cut off the tip of his finger. He had to work anyway. He was in pain and suffered the whole day. It was small cut but it affected the whole body.

1st. His mind was stressed because his finger pained him terribly. 2nd. Although his finger was a very small part of the body and the cut was a small cut at the very end of the finger it troubled his work and caused him to be off balance when he lifted heavy boxes.

3rd. After he had finished his task he looked at his finger and was grieved at the pain and could not do his job as good as he wanted to.

4th. His boss made him continue to work even though this man was troubled exceedingly and everyone took his injury lightly. They had no compassion for him because they thought his finger was a small member and he should continue to do the work as if nothing was wrong with him and he had his feelings hurt and continued to do his work but his work was not as good as before when he had not cut his finger.

1. Every member is important. Every person in the kingdom of God is just as important to God as anyone else.

B. God is no respecter of person and he loves and forgives and protects all. Read 1 Cor 12:14-28

2. We are good at ignoring the suffering of others. A. In fact it delights some because when another is down or has stumbled, a black mark is put beside their name and is considered in man's heart as an eternal weakness or failure.

1. God forgives. He loves. He cast out sin as far as the East is from the West. He restores. He delivers. He brings the broken hearted and contrite spirit back to the fold and heals their wounds.

B. People on the other hand sometimes use this opportunity to bring down the wounded. To kill the injured.

3. Do we make the stripes of Jesus of no consequence? Do not abandon love. Do not cast down the afflicted. Gal 5:15 But if ye bite and devour one another, take heed that ye be not consumed one of another.

A. While we are casting down the injured beware of your own self being afflicted.

Love one another and call on the power of the Living God to deliver and bring help to the injured. Forgive and forget all those things that would in time consume your love and your passion for God.

B. Where is the love that Jesus put in our heart? Have we forgotten our salvation? Jesus prays. Read John 17:21-23

C. Never forget God's purpose of the cross and the suffering of Jesus.

Paul said it clearly of how important and simple the love of God is. Read 1 Cor 13:3-7

Lack of confidence, feeling that others are receiving blessings and you are missing them, a feeling of guilt although you have stayed in good relationship with Jesus, unnecessary worry, short bouts of depression, unable to satisfy your desire to do work for Jesus, feeling your best is not good enough - TRUST JESUS AND LET HIM HEAL YOU.

University Brass Symposium, a school study of area high school, high school and college level students. The evening program will feature performances by Dr. Leach, Dr. Dickman and Dr. Zingara, who will be featured soloists with the Troy University Concert Band, conducted by Dr. Mark Walker. This concert is the culmination of the activities of the TROY Trumpet Ensemble and several honors

ensembles made up of area high school students will perform. The event will offer the ceremony, scope and variety of a typical band concert and will conclude with a spectacular mass finale comprised of more than one hundred performers. Admission to both concerts is free and open to the public. Call 678-3323 for further information.

Florida, and Dr. James Zingara, trumpet, of Troy University. This concert will be held at 7:30 PM at the Hawkins-Adams-Loom Hall of Honor

SCHOOLS

Co-Op Spotlight

by Erica Daniels



This week's student Co-Op Spotlight is senior **Kelekia Denise Magwood**.

Kelekia is the 18-year-old daughter of Beverly and James Griggs, and she is employed at Dollar General. She has been working at the Dollar General for a month and nine days. At the Dollar General, Kelekia is the cashier.

Kelekia is an active member of FCCLA, FBLA, VICA and FFA. Her plans after graduation are to go to college and to major in elementary education, as well as, cosmetology.

Kelekia says, "I loves attending Elba High School, but I am also ready to graduate and ready to get out of Elba so that I can begin my career."

Cookie dough sale underway at E.E.S.

by Tierney Starks

The Elba Elementary School Student Council is sponsoring a cookie dough sale, which will involve all EES students.

The proceeds from the fundraiser will be going towards the purchase of a sign to be displayed in the front of the school. This sign will enhance parent-school communications.

The sale will last two weeks. It began on Wednesday, Feb. 21. The cookie dough will be delivered during the week of March 19, 2007.

Visit the Elba City Schools website at: www.elbaed.com

Tiger Tales

Editors:
**Ashton Rodriguez
& Clara Burrows**

Local officials visit government and economics class

by Yokesha Terry

On Thursday, Feb. 15, Judge Paul Sherling and School Resource Officer Dean Blair visited the government and economics classroom of Mr. Wynn Grimes.

Judge Sherling is the District Judge for Coffee County. He spoke to the class about the breakdown of state and federal laws. The class also discussed the classifications of different felonies.

Judge Sherling spoke about the day-to-day operations of a district judge and how he has to deal with situations in the courtroom. He discussed with the class that he holds truancy court and hears juvenile cases.

Officer Blair discussed the Alabama Correctional Facility and the difference between jails and prisons. He also discussed the death penalty and what crimes are punishable by the death penalty.

Student Spotlight

by Clara Burrows

This week's Student Spotlight focuses on Elba High School's own Tyshun Frazier.

Tyshun is a senior this year and is the 17-year-old son of Felicia and Steve Tolver. He enjoys hanging out with friends, playing video games, playing basketball and going to the movies.

After graduation, Tyshun plans to further his education by attending Troy University and majoring in physical therapy. When asked how to describe himself, he said, "fun, outgoing and wild!"

Elba High seniors make history

by Ryan McCollough

For the second consecutive year, the seniors at Elba High School have hit the 100 percent mark.

The Class of 2007 has made history this year by passing all parts of the Alabama High School Graduation Exam. This year's seniors are the second class to ever have all students who are required to pass the exam to do so.

By passing all parts of the graduation, the Class of 2007 has put its mark on Elba High School forever.

EES holds "Jump Rope for Heart" event

by Brittany Phillips

The students of Elba Elementary are "jumping" at the chance to help fight heart disease and stroke, the nations number one and number three killers.

On Friday, March 2, the school will hold its annual "Jump Rope for Heart" event. Students will jump rope to raise funds for the American Heart Association (AHA), which funds cardiovascular disease research and public and professional education programs.

"Jump Rope for Heart" is co-sponsored by the American Heart Association and the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance.

To celebrate the end of the fundraiser, the students will be allowed to jump rope in class on Friday, March 2.

For the efforts of the EES students, the ones who raise a donation of \$50 or more will be given an ice cream party by physical education teacher Mrs. Stephanie Brunson. Other thank you gifts will be given to the students through the AHA organization.

Stacy Williams and Jenna Mobley were chosen from Zion Chapel. They both received \$1,000 to the college of their choice. Both Stacy and Jenna are planning to attend Troy University.



Coffee County District Judge Paul Sherling

Elba Elementary School Menu

March 5-9, 2007

BREAKFAST	LUNCH
Monday - Peanut Butter Toast, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Monday - Burrito w/Cheese, Rice, Salsa, Mexican Corn, 1/2 Orange, Milk
Tuesday - Waffles/Syrup, Link Sausage, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Tuesday - Steak Burger, Oven Fries, Green Beans, Diced Peas, Milk
Wednesday - Breakfast Pizza, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Wednesday - Taco Salad, Corn on Cob, 1/2 Apple, Milk
Thursday - Biscuit/Jelly, Sausage Patty, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Thursday - Hot Dog, Tater Tots, California Style Vegetables, Applesauce Cake, Milk
Friday - Cheese Grits, Toast & Jelly, Cereal, Juice	Friday - Baked Chicken, Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy, English Peas, Bread, Sliced Peaches, Milk

Fifth graders show off their writing skills

by Melanie Mularz

On Thursday, Feb. 22, all fifth graders at Elba Elementary School participated in the statewide Alabama Direct Assessment of Writing: Grade 5.

The students were given 50 minutes to write about a particular given topic based on the three different modes of writing: expository, descriptive and narrative.

"Our teachers and students have worked really hard to prepare for the writing assessment, and we all hope to receive great results," stated Mrs. Lynn Baker in a short interview.

The tenth graders at Elba High School are scheduled to take the writing assessment during the week of February 26 through March 2 (this week).

The winner (Tatiana Parker) and runner-up (Ashley Carpenter) will receive an expense-paid trip to Montgomery in April to attend the annual Alabama Rural Electric Youth Tour.

The Rural Electric Youth Tour is a group of more than 1,000 high school students who visit Washington, D.C. every June, year after year, from towns and small cities all over rural America. They come because their rural electric cooperatives think education is important—education about electric cooperatives and education about America. This contest is open to high school juniors from Andalusia, Elba, Opp and Pike County High Schools.

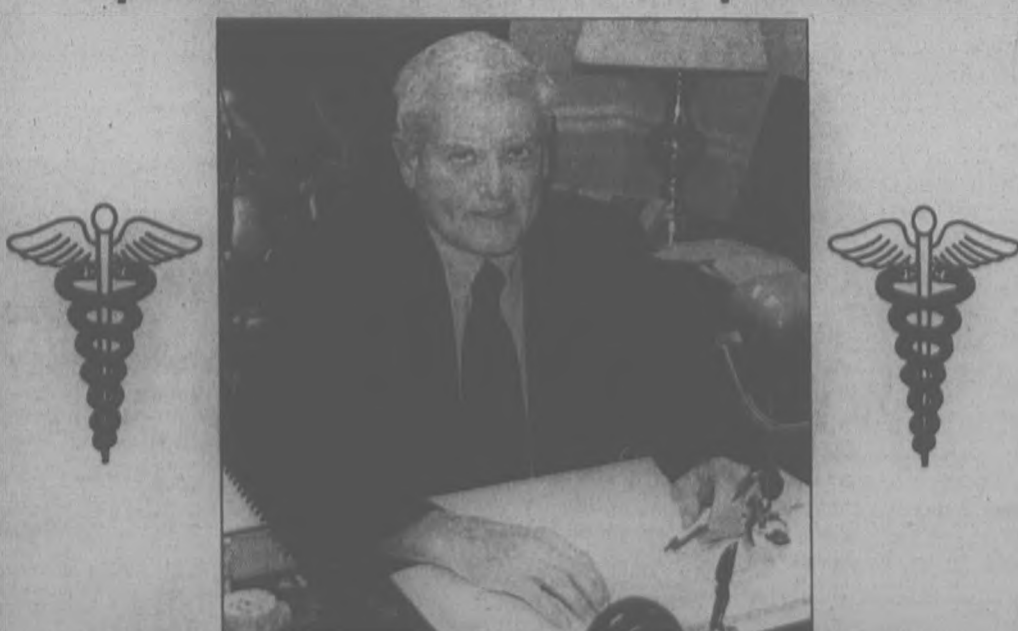
This year students were required to research and submit an essay of 750 or more about "A World with no Electric Cooperatives." The Elba students had to hand in their essay and "official entry form" to English teacher, Mrs. Martin.

Elba's AEC top ten this year were then chosen to proceed to the next round, where they attended AEC's corporate offices in Andalusia. There they were required to take a test about the history of AEC and its cooperatives and undergo interviews with AEC executives.

After an hour of eager anticipation, the five students found out their ranking, which is as follows: Tatiana Parker (Winner), Ashley Carpenter (first runner-up), Ashton Rodriguez (first alternate), Kandace Smith (second alternate), Don Rhoades (third alternate).

The winner (Tatiana Parker) will also receive an all-expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C. in June. While in Washington, over 1,000 Youth Tour delegates from across the country will study cooperatives, see first-hand the operations of the U.S. government, and tour historic sites like Arlington National Cemetery, the Lincoln Memorial, Mount Vernon, the Vietnam Memorial, and others.

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SCHOOLS

Two Zion Chapel students receive scholarship money

by Chelsea Flowers & Hunter White

On Monday, Feb. 19, three high school students were awarded health scholarships to the college of their choice. These scholarships were provided by the Medical Center in Enterprise.

Stacy Williams and Jenna Mobley were chosen from Zion Chapel. They both received \$1,000 to the college of their choice. Both Stacy and Jenna are planning to attend Troy University.



**Zion Chapel High School
REBEL NEWS**
Julie Norris, Sponsor

The Miss Zion Chapel pageants, sponsored by Altrusa International Inc., of Jack, Ala., and will be held Saturday, March 31. Queens will be crowned in four categories: Future Little Miss Zion Chapel, Little Miss Zion Chapel, Junior Miss Zion Chapel and Miss Zion Chapel.

Leana Vinson donates hair to "Locks of Love"

by Brittany Dismukes, Sheena-Marie Hussey & Kala Killingsworth

Leana Vinson, a sophomore at Zion Chapel, recently donated 10 inches of her hair to Locks of Love.

Locks of Love is a public non-profit organization that provides hairpieces to financially disadvantaged children under age 18 suffering from long-term medical hair loss from any diagnosis. Locks of Love meets a unique need for children by using donated hair to create the highest quality hair prosthetics.

Most of the children helped by Locks of Love have lost their hair due to a medical condition called alopecia areata, which has no known cause or cure. The prostheses we provide help to restore their self-esteem and their confidence, enabling them to face the world and their peers.

Leana feels delighted about helping a child feel good about their appearance and outlook on life.



Leana Vinson donating hair to Locks of Love.

ZC student body shows concern for fellow student

by Kala Killingsworth and Brittany Dismukes

Valentine's Day is supposed to be a happy day, but on Wednesday, Feb. 14, a local family was terrified.

Torie Hodge, a junior at Zion Chapel High School, had an accident on her way home. She was taken to Southeast Medical Center in Dothan, better, and are glad that she is back home.



by Ashley Hudson, Chelsea Flowers and Hunter White

These students were nominated based upon academic excellence in the classroom and other areas of the school. Good character qualities and classroom behavior are two of the major reasons the teachers selected these students. The "Rebels of the Month" for January were: Kindergartner Nathan Herbert, age 5, and the son of Joey and Casey Herbert; 1st grader Erika Hussey, age 7, and the daughter of Jeff and Donna Hussey; 2nd grader Brad Porterfield, age 8, and the son of Jeff and Billie Porterfield; 3rd grader Christopher Senn, age 8, the son of Don and Terri Senn; 4th grader Jerrod Pope, age 9, the son of Jerry and Lori Pope; 5th grader Dillion Shackelford, age 10, the son of Greg and Sharon Shackelford; and 6th grader Heather Brunson, age 11, the daughter of Mike and Sheryl Brunson.

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DeAnn Smith and Neil Grantham

Special activities highlight FFA Week

by Ashley Hudson

Zion Chapel High School held activities for FFA Week, which was held Wednesday, Feb. 21, through the Friday, Feb. 23.

The first activity was on the 21st, which was Hunter Safety and was held all day. The second activity was on Thursday, Feb. 22, which was ATV Safety and this was held all day. Finally, the third activity was on Friday, Feb. 23, and the FFA members held a petting zoo which started after lunchtime.

The elementary students were present for all three demonstrations. The FFA Chapter members picked these activities for the purpose of the education for the children in safety and the safety precautions.



Hunter Safety activity



ATV Safety activity



FFA Petting Zoo

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THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

I know we all get a little older each and every day, but with Melanie turning 18 a few weeks back and Melissa having a birthday next week, it seems like I am aging faster than ever. I will admit the years have been good to the girls and they are growing into lovely young ladies. However, my gray hair has now turned white, and if it keeps thinning, in a few years I might be able to trade in my comb for polish. Oh well, at least we are growing older together and are still very much a family.

FOR WHAT IT IS WORTH...

*** The Elba Tiger baseball team split a season-opening double-header against Luverne last week, and despite being out in both games, gave their fans plenty to cheer about and to get excited about for the remainder of the season. There were several positives in both games, but a few deserve special mention. Don Rhoades got the ball to pitch the season opener and allowed only two earned runs in seven innings to get the win, while Brad Sullivan had 2 hits and shined behind the plate as catcher as he threw out six runners attempting to steal bases in the twin bill. Elba has a long season and will have to play its best to win every time it takes the field. However, after watching last week's games I feel the Tigers might just surprise some folks along the way.

*** The Elba JV Tigers had a busy opening week of action as they posted a 6-3 record and claimed the championship of a tournament in Brantley. The Tigers dropped two games to New Brockton to open the season, but bounced back to sweep Zion Chapel and then won five of five games over the weekend to bring home the top prize from Brantley. The JV Tigers have a lot of experience and unless I miss my guess should be headed for a big season.

*** The Elba JV Tigers opened the softball season with a 12-2 win over Zion Chapel, and perhaps even more surprising than the final score was the fact the Lady Tigers banged out a dozen hits in the win. The Elba girls struggled at the plate last season and never got on track with the bats, but last week the Lady Tigers came to the plate swinging the bats and took command. Sophomore pitcher Brandy Caldwell made her debut a winning one and proved she is more than ready to take her place on the pitching rubber, while Coach Rudy Free also got a few pats on the back after recording his first win as head coach. There is a lot of softball left and it gets tougher in a hurry. So, I am going to wait and watch before I get too excited about just one win.

*** The Brantley Bulldogs and Lady Bulldogs both placed second last week at the Southeast Regional Tournament, at Troy, and while both teams were disappointed with not winning the tournament, both teams had quite a season and are to be congratulated for their play. The Bulldogs got hot late in the season to make a run at the 1A title and were ranked throughout the regular season, while the Lady Bulldogs pulled off two big upsets in the post-season and made history with their trip to Troy. After football and basketball, there is no doubt Brantley has one of the top athletic programs in the state in the 1A ranks.

*** Zion Chapel grad Coach Roland Bell and his Natusuga Lady Blue Devils added a region title to their resume last week and will be competing this week at the Final Four in Birmingham. Coach Bell and his team dropped out of the state rankings late in the season and entered post-season play without much fanfare, but they have done nothing but win ever since and this week will be making a Final Four stop for the sixth time in the past seven years. Congratulations to Coach Bell and his team for their great season!

*** In closing.... youth baseball and softball registration comes to an end this week and I hope all parents will make sure their young-sters sign up to play. The leagues are for boys and girls ages 4-18, and the fun will start the opening week of April. There is never any doubt that the kids want to play, but unless the parents give their support often times the kids are forced to sit at home. C'mon folks, let's play ball.

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Rhoades pitches opening win

Tigers split double-header against Luverne

The Elba Tigers opened their baseball season last week with a double-header against Luverne and split with their rivals from Crenshaw County to end the opening week of action with a 1-1 record.

Following are highlights of both games:

Elba 5 Luverne 4 - The Elba Tigers staged a late rally to grab the lead and then held on to escape with an exciting 5-4 win over Luverne, last Monday afternoon in Elba. Luverne came out swinging the bats in the top of the first and collected four singles, but was held to only two runs as Elba catcher Brad Sullivan threw out a runner at second and outfielder Justin Mallory gunned down a Luverne runner at third. The Tigers got on the scoreboard in the bottom of the first when Stephen Driggers delivered a two-out double and later scored on a wild pitch, while Elba grabbed its first lead in the fourth when the Tigers plated three runs to grab a 4-2 lead. Don Rhoades led off the fourth inning with a walk and promptly stole second, while Stephen Driggers came through with an rbi single. A single by Brad Sullivan and a sacrifice fly by Justin McLaughlin resulted in the Tigers' second run of the inning, while Sullivan scored when Luverne mishandled a grounder off the bat of Chase Boutwell. A double by Don Rhoades and an rbi single by Stephen Driggers helped the Tigers up their lead to 5-2 in the bottom of the fifth, and the Tigers held on late to escape with the narrow 5-4 win.

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JV Tigers win two, lose two

The Elba JV Tigers opened their baseball season last week with a pair of double-headers against their cross-county rivals from New Brockton and Zion Chapel, and rebounded from two season opening losses to claim a twin bill to even their record at 2-2.

Following are highlights of last week's action:

New Brockton 6 Elba 5 - The Elba Tigers opened the season last Monday morning with a 6-5 loss to the New Brockton Gamecocks, in New Brockton. Elba grabbed a 1-0 lead in the top of the fourth inning when Kyle Pope reached on a walk and later scored on a passed ball, but New Brockton bounced back in its half of the inning and combined four hits with one walk and one error to plate four runs as the Gamecocks took a 4-1 advantage. A lead-off single by Sandarius Reed ignited a four-run fifth-inning rally for the Tigers as they regained the lead at 5-4, while key hits in the fifth were a triple by Nick McLaughlin and an rbi single by Kevin Allen. New Brockton added a lone run in the bottom of the fifth to pull even at 5-5, then pushed across the winning run with two outs in the sixth to hand the Tigers the 6-5 setback. Sandarius Reed had 3 hits and scored 1 run to lead Elba, while Kevin Allen added 2 hits and scored 1 run to lead Elba. Elba pitched four innings and allowed 4 runs on 4 hits and 2 walks, while Blake Lambert pitched three innings and allowed 2 runs on 3 hits and 3 walks.

New Brockton 7 Elba 1 - The Elba Tigers fell behind early and never threatened in the second game of the double-header as New Brockton rolled to a big 7-1 win, in New Brockton. The Gamecocks took advantage of five straight walks to open the game to grab a quick 2-0 lead, then added two two-out hits to blow the game open as they jumped ahead 6-0 in the bottom of the first inning. The Tigers managed only two hits in the game, but did get on the scoreboard in the top of the fourth when Blake Lambert led off with a walk, moved to third on

Highland Home 6 Elba 1 - The Elba Tigers suffered their only loss of the tournament on Saturday morning when they fell to Highland Home 6-1. Justin McLaughlin had 1 hit and 1 rbi to lead Elba at the plate, while Kyle Pope was tagged out.

Elba 3 Highland Home 2 - The Elba Tigers continued their trek through the loser's bracket with a 3-2 win over Highland Home. Justin McLaughlin had 2 hits, including a two-run homer, to lead Elba at the plate, while Kevin Allen had 3 hits and Justin Mallory and Blake Lambert both added 1 hit. Kevin Allen was the winning pitcher



ELBA TIGER 3RD BASEMAN CHASE BOUTWELL applies the tag to a Luverne runner in action last week in high school baseball. The Tigers split a double-header against their rivals to open the season, and this week will travel to Kinston for a double-header against the Bulldogs.

(Photo by Mike Capps)

Stephen Driggers had 3 hits, scored 2 runs and knocked in 2 runs to lead Elba at the plate, while Brad Sullivan added 2 hits and scored 1 run. Don Rhoades added 1 hit and scored 2 runs, and Chase Boutwell added 1 hit and had 1 rbi. Rhoades was the winning pitcher as he tossed seven-innings and allowed four runs, two earned runs, on 10 hits, with 4 strike-outs. The Elba defense was sparked by catcher Brad Sullivan, who threw out four runners attempting to steal a base.

Luverne 9 Elba 6 - The Elba Tigers spotted Luverne an early 9-0 lead and saw a late rally fall short as they dropped the nightcap of the double-header 9-6. The two rivals combined for only one hit in the opening two innings. However, Luverne combined 5 hits with 2 walks and 2 hit batters to plate five runs in the top of the third, then added two runs in both the fifth and sixth to open up a 9-0 advantage. A two-out single by Andrew Head sparked a three-run sixth as the Tigers got on the scoreboard, and Elba added 3

more runs in the seventh as they cut into the Luverne lead, but fell 9-6. Stephen Driggers had 1 hit and 1 rbi to lead the Tigers at the plate, while Andrew Head also added 1 hit. Don Rhoades and Bradley Wilson both scored 2 runs. Stephen Driggers pitched 3 innings and allowed 3 earned runs on 6 hits and 2 walks, while Bradley Wilson pitched 3 innings and allowed 4 earned runs on 1 hit, 3 walks and 2 hit batters, and Dylan McCollough pitched 3 innings and allowed 2 earned runs on 3 hits and 4 walks.



ELBA JV TIGERS WITH CHAMPIONSHIP TROPHY

Elba JV Tigers win Brantley tournament

The Elba JV Tigers competed in a baseball tournament last weekend at Brantley and posted four wins in five games to bring home the tournament championship.

Following are highlights of the tournament action:

Elba 8 Luverne 3 - The Elba Tigers opened the tournament on Thursday night with a big 8-3 win over Luverne. Kyle Pope had 2 hits and collected 2 rbi's to lead the Tigers at the plate, while Justin McLaughlin added 1 hit and 2 rbi's and Nick McLaughlin had 1 hit and 1 rbi. Also getting 1 hit in the win were Sandarius Reed, Colton Vaughan and Devin Jackson. Justin McLaughlin was the winning pitcher as he tossed a 1-hitter with 8 strike-outs.

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with the loss on the mound as he allowed 5 hits, while striking out 6 batters.

Elba 8 Luverne 3 - The Elba Tigers stayed alive with an impressive 8-2 win over Luverne, in loser's bracket action. Kyle Pope had 2 hits and knocked in 3 runs to lead Elba at the plate, while Justin McLaughlin added 2 hits and 1 rbi and Kevin Allen also added 2 hits. Colton Vaughan, Blake Lambert and Jantzen Flowers all added 1 hit. Justin Mallory got the win on the mound as he pitched 4 innings and allowed 2 runs on 3 hits, with 6 strike-outs.

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SPORTS

In season opener

Elba Lady Tigers zap Zion Chapel 12-2

The Elba Lady Tigers opened their softball season last Tuesday afternoon with a big 12-2 win over the Zion Chapel Lady Rebels.

Zion Chapel bunched together three hits in the top of the first inning to grab an early 1-0 lead, but the Lady Tigers bounced right back in their half of the frame and plated four runs to grab a 4-1 advantage. An rbi triple by Melanie Mularz ignited the early Elba uprising, while consecutive hits by Haley Stinson, Toshamba Jones, Brandy Caldwell and Kayla Miller enabled Elba to move on top.

The Lady Rebels cut the lead to 4-2 in the top of the fourth. However, the Lady Tigers again answered the Zion Chapel rally and this time scored three runs to extend their lead to 7-2. Kayla Miller and Chessie Cross opened the inning with back-to-back singles to spark the rally, while a walk and a key error helped the Lady Tigers take command.

A two-run double by Kayla Miller enabled Elba to push its lead to 9-2 in the bottom of the fifth, while rbi singles by Toshamba Jones and Miller in the sixth allowed the Lady Tigers to pull away and claim the big 12-2 win.

Kayla Miller had 4 hits and knocked in 4 runs to lead Elba at the plate, while April Finodere and Toshamba Jones both added 2 hits and scored 2 runs. Melanie Mularz and Haley Stinson added 1 hit and scored 2



ELBA LADY TIGER MELANIE MULARZ (14) kicks the softball out of the glove of the Zion Chapel third baseman as she slides into third base after an rbi triple in last week's 12-2 season opening win over the Lady Rebels. The Lady Tigers will take part in the six-team Wicksburg Softball Tournament, this weekend, at Wicksburg High School.

(Photo by Mike Capps)

runs, apiece, while getting 1 hit and scoring 1 run were Brandy Caldwell and Chessie Cross. Brandy Caldwell was the winning pitcher as she allowed 2 earned runs on 3 hits, and struck out 6 batters.

[JV Game]

The Elba JV Lady Tigers fell behind early and never recovered as they opened their season with a 7-3 loss to Zion Chapel.

For boys and girls ages 4-18

Youth baseball & softball sign-up ends March 2

The Elba Department of Parks and Recreation has announced that registration for boys baseball and girls softball will continue through Friday, March 2.

All registrants will be placed in leagues based on their age, with the age being determined by ones age on May 1, 2007. Registration fees are \$25 per person, with a \$60 maximum for families with more than two registrants. Practices are scheduled to begin in early March, with the regular season set to start April 2.

Registration forms will be passed out to all students in the Elba City School system on Feb. 20, and will also be available at the Recreation Center and at City Hall. For more information call the Recreation Office at 897-6833.

Baseball leagues will include the following:

- *** Tee-Ball - for boys and girls ages 4-6. This league is co-ed, and players hit a safety ball off a tee and no score is kept. All members of the teams bat in each inning and play on defense. All games consist of three innings, or a one-hour time limit.

- *** Coach Pitch - for boys ages 7-8. In this league the coach of a team pitches to his batters from a distance of 40 feet, with the league being split into two mini-sessions. In the first session all batters will get the chance to hit in every inning, while in the second session a team will bat until its opponent can record three outs. All players will play on defense in both sessions. Score is kept and the following:

- *** Dixie Bays - for boys ages 13-14. This league continues the learning process of the sport of baseball and is played on a field scaled down to better aid in the development of the players. All batters are included in the line-up to insure all players get to bat in all games, and games have a 90-minute time limit. Teams will play against teams from Kinston, New Brockton, Zion Chapel, Brantley and Samson. An All-Star team will be selected upon completion of the season for tournament play.

- *** Dixie Pre Majors - for boys ages 15-16. This league plays the sport of baseball on a regulation sized field and includes games against teams from across the Wiregrass area. There is no time limit for games. This league will begin its season after the completion of the high school season.

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- *** Coach Pitch - for girls ages 7-8. In this league the coaches of the teams will pitch to their own batters from a distance of 40 feet, with the league being split into two mini-sessions. In the first session all batters will bat in every inning, while in the second session a team will bat until its opponents record three outs. All players will play defense in both sessions. Score is kept and games have a time limit of 75 minutes.

- *** Dixie Angels - for girls ages 9-10. This league continues the learning process of the game for young girls and is played on a scaled down field, with pitchers pitching from a distance of 35 feet. All batters are included in the line-up, while 10 players are allowed on defense. Games have a time-limit of 90 minutes, and teams will play against teams from Kinston, New Brockton, Zion Chapel, Brantley and Samson. An All-Star team will be selected upon completion of the season for tournament play.

- *** Dixie Ponytails - for girls ages 11-12. This league continues the learning process

for girls and is played on a regulation high school field. All batters are included in the line-up and nine players are allowed on defense. There is a time limit of 90 minutes, and teams will play against teams from Kinston, Zion Chapel, New Brockton, Brantley and Samson. An All-Star team will be selected upon completion of the season for tournament play.

- *** Dixie Belles - for girls ages 13-15. This league is the next step in the learning process for young players and is played on a regulation high school field. Games have a time limit of 90 minutes and teams play against teams from surrounding communities and in tournaments. An All-Star team is selected upon completion of the season for tournament play.

- *** Dixie Debs - for girls ages 16-18. This league completes the learning process at the youth level and is played on a regulation field. Games have a time limit of 90 minutes and compete against teams from surrounding communities, and in tournaments. An All-Star team will be selected for tournament play.

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West Alabama. After about four or five months of searching, he said he decided to stay in Phenix.

A short while back, Dr. Meloni said his son told him he had decided to stay in New York when he finishes law school.

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school. Students attending AMSTI schools learn math, science and technology through inquiry-based, inquiry approaches consistent with the latest research on effective math and science instruction.

Schools chosen for the AMSTI program in 2007 went through a competitive application process. Dr. Ingram said New Brockton Elementary and Zion Chapel are the first two schools in Coffee County to be chosen for this initiative.

Currently, there are nine AMSTI sites across Alabama, which serve participating AMSTI public schools in the state. AMSTI sites include: Auburn University, Jacksonville State University, The University of Alabama/The University of West Alabama, The University of Alabama in Huntsville, The University of Montevallo, The University of North Alabama, University of South Alabama, Troy University and Alabama State University/Wallace Community College-Selma.

Dr. Ingram said New

rather than return to Arizona. At that point, he, himself, decided there was no need to continue to stay in Arizona and again started looking for a return to Alabama. This time, however, Dr. Meloni said he was willing to go anywhere in the state.

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Brockton Elementary and Zion Chapel will be serviced by Troy University. The other schools in this region chosen to participate in AMSTI in 2007 include: Andalusia Elementary, Abbeville High School, Banks School, Carver Magnet School for Math and Science, D.A. Smith School, Greenville Elementary, Greenville High, Opp Middle, Pike County Elementary, Rebooth Middle, Abbeville Middle, Brantley School, Daleville Middle, Goshen High and Highland Home.

Each AMSTI site houses a warehouse and refurbishment center for AMSTI schools. Additionally, AMSTI sites supply teachers within their geographic region with all of the equipment and materials needed to engage their students in hands-on learning of math and science.

"We are thrilled to have two schools selected for AMSTI," said Dr. Ingram. "I believe this will be a great opportunity for our students."

Miss Kinston winners crowned

The Kinston Athletic Club crowned the new Little Miss, Junior Miss and Miss Kinston on Saturday, Feb. 24.



LITTLE MISS KINSTON (from left to right)...Baylee Holley, first runner-up; Savannah Reynolds, 2007 Little Miss Kinston; and Stern Carpenter, second runner-up.



JUNIOR MISS KINSTON (from left to right)...Abby Williams, first runner-up; Clara Smith, 2007 Junior Miss Kinston; and Ashley Snell, second runner-up.



MISS KINSTON (from left to right)...Sabrina Smith, first runner-up; Candice Strickland, 2007 Miss Kinston; and Suzanna Scofield, second runner-up.

Brass Symposium concerts shine on Troy stage

Two all-brass concerts are slated from March 2-3 as part of Troy University's ninth-annual Brass Symposium, hosted by the University's John M. Long School of Music and the Troy Arts Council.

On Friday, March 2, a concert featuring several performances will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the Hawkins-Adams-Long Hall of

Honor and is free to the public. On Saturday, March 3, the Festival of Brass Concert will begin at 7:30 p.m. in Claudia Crosby Theater. This concert is the culmination of activities of the Troy University Brass Symposium. The concert is also free and open to the public.

For more information, call 670-3323.

Obituaries

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GEORGE MALCOM BRYAN SR.

Mr. George Malcom Bryan Sr., age 83, of Brantley, Ala., died Tuesday, Feb. 27, 2007 at the Elba General Hospital.

Funeral services will be held March 1, 2007 at Hayes Funeral Home Chapel beginning at 2 p.m. with Reverend Richard Moss and Reverend Wayne Webber officiating. Burial will follow in the Pine Level Community Cemetery with Hayes Funeral Home of Elba directing. Visitation will be held at Hayes Funeral Home on Thursday, March 1, from 12-2 p.m.

Mr. Bryan was preceded in death by his wife, Talatha Bryan; a son, Jimmy Bryan; and a son-in-law, Ricky Bowers. Survivors include one son: George M. (wife Glenda) Bryan Jr., Brantley; one daughter: Bobbie Bowers, Brantley; three grandsons: Chad Bryan, Montgomery, Ala., Andy

Bryan and Joseph Bowers, both of Brantley; three granddaughters: Amy Kennedy, Birmingham, Ala., Jenni Grant, Tuscaloosa, Ala., and Jordan Bowers, Brantley; one brother: Donnon Bryan; and a sister: Evelyn Galimore, both of Elba.

BETTY JOYCE DAVIS CORLEY

Mrs. Betty Joyce Davis Corley, age 49, of Ozark, Ala., died Sunday, Feb. 18, 2007 in a Dothan hospital.

Funeral services will be held Feb. 21, 2007 at Dillard Funeral Home Chapel in Brundidge, Ala., with Reverend Donnie Marler and Reverend Jonathan Barron officiating. Burial followed at St. John Baptist Church Cemetery.

Mrs. Corley was preceded in death by her father, L. W. Davis. Survivors include her husband: Darrel F. Corley, Jack, Ala.; her daughter: Sherry (husband Ben) Stahl, Jack; two

grandchildren: Damian and Johanna Stahl; her mother: Beulah Davis, Brundidge; three sisters: Janet (husband Larry) Barron, See (husband William) Flowers and Sallie Davis; and one brother: Billy (wife Melba) Davis.

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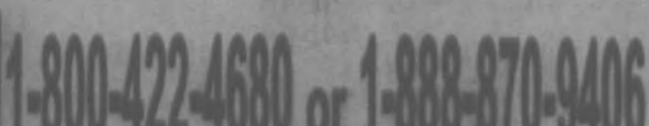
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Deadly tornadoes hit Enterprise on Thursday afternoon



Aerial view of Enterprise High School, the parking lot and football stadium following Thursday's tornadoes which took eight lives and destroyed the facilities.

Dorsey Trailer hearings continue to hit roadblocks

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

A conference call last Thursday morning which included Pitts Trailer attorney Terry Butts and Elba Mayor James Grimes and in which this newspaper participated, revealed the continuing frustrations in the efforts to get Dorsey Trailers out of the bankrupt court and building trailers.

Butts reviewed the last hearing and said, "things couldn't have gone smoother." He added that everyone signed off on the asset purchase agreement and left court thinking it was over

except for the formal signing of the agreement by the bankrupt judge.

However Judge Sawyer considered a clause which held Pitts "free and clear of lawsuits from actions by past owners" not to be routine business and kicked the deal back to lawyers.

Then as attorneys worked to

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by Linda Hodge, Editor

The Coffee County Commission entertained several requests from citizens Monday morning, Feb. 26, during the regular bimonthly meeting.

David Johnson, representing the Ma-Chis Lower Creek Indian Tribe, was the first to address commissioners. He made two requests during his presentation.

Johnson said the Ma-Chis



LOCAL DIGNITARIES AND CITIZENS GATHERED Sunday afternoon, March 4, to help the staff of Elba General Hospital and Nursing Home celebrate a new chapter of care giving. The Healthcare Authority of Elba hosted an Open House last Sunday in celebration of the opening of the new medical records, MRI and Therapy departments. The Open House also allowed the Healthcare Authority to officially welcome Elba's new family practice physician, Dr. Joseph Meloni, and his wife, Sheridan. Everyone attending this special event was able to examine the new hospital departments, spend time getting to know Dr. Meloni and enjoy refreshments. The Elba Chamber of Commerce helped make the event even more special as it held a ribbon cutting ceremony for the opening of the medical records, MRI and Therapy departments. Those participating in the ribbon cutting ceremony included Healthcare Authority board members, Elba Chamber of Commerce board members, city and state government officials and the Miss Elba queens.

They included (from left to right): Kaye Whitworth, Doris Matthews, Miss Elba Christina Bryant, Pete Cash, David Bandstra, Denise Sauls, Ellen Briley, Daniel Stephens, Mayor James Grimes, Melissa Flowers, Little Miss Elba Kayla Seay, Michael Moseley, Mary Gray, Eddie Vaughan, Junior Miss Elba Cortlin Lee, Rep. Terry Spicer and Herby McCall.



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Area Happenings

Elba's first fire department will be held at the Elba Chamber of Commerce office, Thursday, March 8, from 7:30-9:30 p.m. The purpose of the event will be to provide the public with information about the fire department and to allow the public to see the fire department's website and facilities.

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Nine people were killed and damage was severe last Thursday afternoon when several tornadoes hit Enterprise.

Funerals for the nine victims began Sunday and will continue throughout this week.

Eight of the deaths were at Enterprise High School. The deaths were students huddled in a hallway and died when the roof collapsed on them.

Stories of heroic efforts by students and teachers alike abound as people who were in the school during the storm recounted the minutes before, during and after the storm.

One student died while shielding a classmate from the falling roof.

Untold numbers of teachers put their own life on the line in a selfless effort to prevent their students from being hurt or killed.

A ninth death resulted from flying window glass causing a bad cut on an elderly woman's leg. She reportedly bled to death as rescue units tried in vain to



Enterprise High School Principal Rick Ralner responds to press questions Friday following the Thursday tornadoes which destroyed the school. The shock and pain of the disaster shows clearly on his face as he tries to collect his thoughts and answer questions.

reach her home in a storm-ravaged residential area. The storm destroyed the high school, damaged a junior high

and elementary school and caused millions of dollars of damage.

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